

Fugue de NENIN 2015



TERROIR

Fugue de Nénin is made from vines rooted in clay-sandy soils, which lend the wine an earlier-drinking style, along with fruit from young vines on the Pomerol plateau. In the context of the Pomerol appellation, where it is rare for an estate to exceed 10 hectares, Château Nénin represents a major surface: up to 32 hectares of vines in production. Consequently, its terroir includes all the diversity of soils that characterise Pomerol. It is mainly made up of Oligocene deposits covered with gravelly alluvial formations of the Dordogne; siliceous clays and gravels, quartz, granites, iron dross as well as basalt pebbles.

VINTAGE 2015

The 2015 vintage began with well-replenished water tables. Hot, sunny weather in early April brought rapid, even budburst, followed by quick and uniform flowering in late May and early June. All key stages of vine development progressed in ideal conditions. From July, moderate to high hydric stress supported polyphenol development, while timely rain in late July and early August ensured rapid, even véraison. Despite some August storms, ripening continued through a mild, fairly dry September, preserving excellent concentration and aromatic freshness.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Blend : Merlot 90% Cabernet Franc 10%

Harvest period : From 17th September to 5th October 2015

Alcohol degree : 14.15 % - Total Acidity : 3.45 gH₂SO₄/l - pH : 3.73 - IPT : 70



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TASTING NOTES



93/100

DECANTER / ANDREW JEFFORD

Sweet, warm, graceful, expressive. This small zone's harmony and rightness is evident in this wine's aroma: calm, soft, nourishing, teasing and easeful. This is pure, smooth, singing and lyrical: lovely plum and bramble fruits, weighed down with gorgeous Merlot tannins. Spot-on and delicious. April 2019

92/100

JAMES SUCKLING

A firmness and focus to this second wine with plum, chocolate and walnut character. Full to medium body, pretty tannins and a long and fresh finish. A beauty. Second wine from Nénin. February 2018

89/100

THE WINE DOCTOR/CHRIS KISSACK

A blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. The élevage was in one year in oak barrels, using just 15% new oak. A remarkably fresh character for the second wine at this stage, a gravelly freshness to the nose, with some savoury elements, smoky and mineral. A very honest, reserved and savoury palate, lightly textured, with dark plum stone and cherry stone influence, and little in the way of obtrusive oak. A savoury and fresh style, with a little fading bite in the finish. It is quite charming for a second wine. It is the open, slightly loose concentration in the middle that confirms its status, but it is still a good result at this level. 89/100

90/100

VINOUS / ANTONIO GALLONI

I am pleasantly surprised to find the 2015 Fugue de Nénin in such great shape. Juicy and inviting, with no hard edges and terrific presence, the Fugue de Nénin is everything a second wine should be. Drink this forward Pomerol over the next handful of years, while the red berry fruit retains its youthful freshness. February 2018

88/100



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WINE SPECTATOR / JAMES MOLESWORTH

Fresh and direct, with a good beam of red currant, plum and cherry coulis notes, infused with light tea and sanguine details. The easy finish shows light vanilla and cedar stitching. February 2018

88/100

WINE ADVOCATE / NEAL MARTIN

The 2015 Fugue de Nénin is a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc cropped at 37 hectoliters per hectare between September 17 and October 5 over nine days. It represents around two-thirds of the total production. There is a very fine purity on the nose here, especially considering that this is a deuxième vin, a mixture of red and black fruit, a touch of cedar from the Cabernet Franc emerging with time. The palate is medium-bodied with light and crisp tannin, tensile in the mouth with charcoal-tinged black fruit that tapers slightly towards the finish. Give this 2-3 years in bottle and then drink over the next decade. February 2018

BERNARD BURTSCHY - LE FIGARO

16,5/20 Joli nez de café, le vin est souple par le merlot, de la rondeur, petite pointe végétale qui donne de la fraîcheur. Les deux tiers de la production ont fait du second vin. Bernard Burtschy

BETTANE & DESSEAUVE / DENIS HERVIER

15.5/20 Délicieuses saveurs de violette au nez comme en bouche avec une touche de fruits rouges, le toucher de tanin est subtilement soyeux et le vin s'élève dans une dimension aérienne avec un croquant délicieux. Vin de plaisir immédiat superbe. Denis Hervier

JANCIS ROBINSON.COM

16/20

MATTHEW JUKES.COM

17+/20 Incredibly forthright, firm and very impressive. Nénin only make one third of their considerable holdings into their Grand Vin, so Fugue benefits from this and this increases the quality by a huge step. Full and plush and unlike any other second wine, this is a triumph. The small amount of new oak is very clever because it allows the fruit to be heard. I cannot recommend this wine enough. Matthew Jukes



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TIM ATKIN

91/100 Bordeaux 2015 - Tim Atkin

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16/20 J. Choukroun Chicheportiche

VINUM

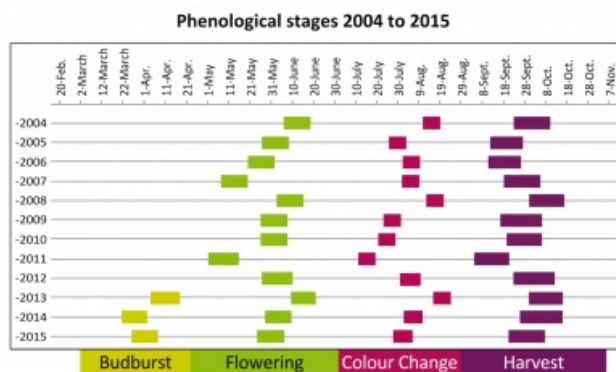
15,5/20 Besonders kompakt, geschmeidig, samten und doch frisch, macht Spass. 2020 bis 2025. Rolf Bichsel



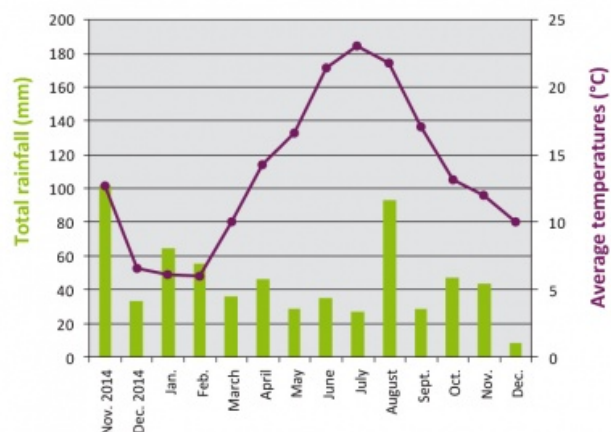
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Fuque de NENIN 2015

Phenological cycle



Total rainfall and average temperatures in 2015



Comparison of temperatures and rainfall during the growth cycle : from 1st March to 31st October

